GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3455
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SALEM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of installed production capacity of Salem Steel Plant;

(b) the capacity utilisation during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a full fledged steel plant at Salem, making use of iron ore in the area;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have since located a Joint Venture partner who can make the requisite investment in Salem Steel Plant so as to turn it towards profitability;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): The details of installed capacity of saleable steel and utilisation thereof at the Salem Steel Plant (SSP) during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Capacity(`000 T)	Capacity Utilisation (%)
1997-98	175	101
1998-99	175	68
1999-2000	175	85

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e)to(g): While some parties have been shortlisted for selection of a joint venture partner, the final decision in this regard has yet to be taken.